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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

It is extremely important to preserve the 1996 Telecommunications Act, especially the Section 251 (c) (3) provisions that support small local providers, as these are critical to creating competition for larger ISPs. Our major ISP Comcast has provided poor service, high prices and slow speeds that are far behind ISPs in the majority of other 1st world nations. Taxpayers funded the infrastructure and technological advances that allowed large companies like Comcast to exist and thrive. They must be required to share their backhaul infrastructure with all local ISPs. We've been customers of Comcast, Verizon and several others over the years and all provided very poor service, obsolete hardware and very slow speeds at a very high price until smaller local competitors entered the market and forced the larger companies to act more competitively. When they dominate markets, their monopoly allows them to use their influence and resource to crush smaller competitors. Since a small local ISP started offering much faster and cheaper gigabit fiber service in our area, Comcast has increased speeds and lowered pricing to more appropriate levels and allows my company and family better options. I ask that the FCC finally listen to the American people and the overwhelmingly huge majority of voters who want full net neutrality, greater regulation on large telecoms and ISPs and continued federal support for small independent ISPs.

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